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COMPUTER SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD
SECURITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting
Held at CIA Headquarters
Langley, Virginia
3 December 1971

1. The fifty-fourth meeting of the Computer Security Subcommittee of the United States Intelligence Board Security Committee was held on 3 December 1971 between 0930 and 1115 hours in Room 4E-64 CIA Headquarters Building. In attendance were:

[Redacted]
Mr. Terence J. Shea, State Member

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Mr. Thomas J. Eccleston, Army Member
Captain Frederick R. Tucker, Air Force Member

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Mr. Louis J. Martin, Army

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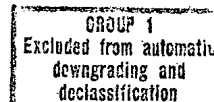
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* Attended a portion of the meeting only

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2. The security level of the meeting was announced as Top Secret COMINT.

3. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the 5 November 1971 Subcommittee Meeting (M-53) were approved without change. However, the NSA member commented concerning the previous discussion of the degaussing policy paper being developed at NSA. He reported that although this policy paper will be promulgated within NSA itself, its potential policy status in USIB is not currently known. Further, the NSA member stated that the paper will be provided the Subcommittee at least for information purposes. Also during the consideration of the previous minutes, the DIA representative reported that the proposed DOD Directive on Computer Security was placed in staffing during November 1971 with a comment deadline of early January 1972.

4. Guidelines for ADP Disaster Prevention and Contingency Back-up Planning: Copies of the latest (23 November 1971) proposed Guidelines, as revised by [] on the basis of comments received at the previous meeting, were distributed and reviewed by members at the meeting. This review suggested a minor editorial modification in Section VI. In addition, membership review of the draft at the instant meeting reflected a consensus that the latest changes made by [] should not suggest a requirement for further staffing of the paper at the Subcommittee level. Although the CIA member expressed his Agency's question about the venue in which the document has been developed, no formal objection to the paper was put forth.

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5. [] was called upon to report the results of his discussions with the Chairman, IHC on the proposal to identify the document as a joint product of the SECOM and IHC environments. He indicated that co-sponsorship of the Guidelines was discussed at the 17 November 1971 IHC meeting and that no objection to the proposal was had.

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6. The Subcommittee agreed that the Chairman should forward the proposed Guidelines to the Executive Secretary, SECOM, with a request for Security Committee approval. Concurrently copies of the proposed Guidelines will be provided the IHC Support

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Staff with a notation that a formal request for approval of the Guidelines by the IHC itself will be made in the near future. Anticipating SECOM approval of the document at its planned 11 January 1972 meeting, IHC consideration of the paper may be expected at the latter's January 1972 meeting.

7. Other Business:

a. DCID No. 6/3, Annex E, Revision: The Chairman provided members with a status report on the revision of Annex E by the Ad Hoc Group of the SIGINT Committee. He noted that this group had met on 2 December 1971 and had finalized a revision proposal with two exceptions: (1) NSA may footnote a provision permitting the handling of appropriately degaussed tapes as unclassified material, and (2) Agreement has not been reached on the issue of labelling computer storage media, e.g., punch cards, magnetic tapes, etc. This status report gave birth to a spirited discussion at the Subcommittee Meeting on the problems of internal and external security labels for storage media. Among the comments made were the desirability of internal labels attached to the data themselves, the problem of labelling the media when their use is restricted to an operating environment, and the utilization of external labels to supplement and in some cases substitute for internal identification. The Chairman, IHC Support Staff, suggested the need for a USIB Standard requiring the application of internal labels to data stored on portable media which are exchanged among Community members. He pointed out that such a requirement already exists in the COINS environment.

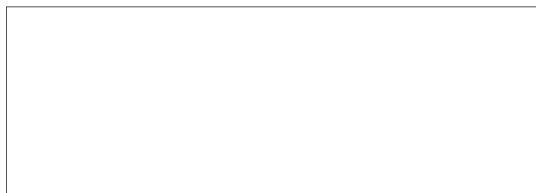
b. IHC Terminal Symposium: The Chairman announced that the planned Terminal Symposium has been scheduled to take place at CIA Headquarters on 23-24 May 1972. Plans are proceeding on schedule

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for the security sessions at this Symposium and some members of the Subcommittee are directly participating in these planning efforts.

8. Next Subcommittee Meeting: The next meeting of the Computer Security Subcommittee will be held at 0930 hours on 7 January 1972 at CIA Headquarters.



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Chairman
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